

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 81 - HB 71

February 28, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners (BAEE) to refuse to issue, renew, and revoke or suspend any licensee found guilty of a felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. Removes requirement of BAEE to notify the Secretary of State and the clerk of each county, town, and city in the state of its findings in the case of a revocation or suspension of a certificate of registration or its reissuance of a previously revoked certificate. Makes changes to the examination requirements for BAEE licensee candidates. Combines funds administered by the Board of Licensing Contractors (BLC) in licensing limited license electricians and limited license plumbers to create the "Limited License Electricians and Plumbers Fund." Authorizes the Collection Service Board (CSB) to request any relevant information from applicants in reviewing applications for licensure. Creates a new definition for a "principal auctioneer."

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, the BAEE has authority to issue, renew, and revoke or suspend any licensee found guilty of a felony.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance's Division of Regulatory Boards, in the past 12 years, four licensees had their license revoked for felony convictions and in the most recent years, no applications have been denied for felony convictions. Placing this authority in statute is estimated to have a nominal effect in the number of licensees whose license is prohibited from reissuance, renewal, or is revoked or suspended.
- Examinations for BAEE applicants are provided by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). All current fees remain unchanged. This legislation deletes obsolete statute in reference to past examinations which were administered by the Board.
- Combining the funds of limited license electricians and plumbers will have no fiscal impact on the BLC.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-sufficient over a period of two years.
- The Board for Licensing Contractors had an annual surplus of \$384,805 in FY12-13, an annual surplus of \$553,645 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,521,368 on June 30, 2014.

- The Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners had an annual surplus of \$182,979 in FY12-13, an annual surplus of \$110,379 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,213,000 on June 30, 2014.
- The Collection Service Board had an annual surplus of \$52,145 in FY12-13, annual surplus of \$9,067 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$272,475 on June 30, 2014.
- The Auctioneer Commission had an annual surplus of \$8,066 in FY12-13, an annual surplus of \$47,522 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$194,910 on June 30, 2014.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This legislation will have no significant impact on business revenue or expenditures experienced by professions regulated by the BAEE, BLC, CSB, or the Auctioneer Commission.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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